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- 1. IN LATE INFORMATION RECEIVED JUST BEFORE POUCH CLOSING, FRENCH AMBASSADOR REPORTED THAT ETHIOPIAN AIRCRAFT REPORTED OVER DORALE MAY HAVE BEEN MIG-23'S. THIS MATTER PARTICULARLY ALARMING TO FRENCH BECAUSE THESE AIRCRAFT BELIEVED ONLY FLOWN BY SOVIET PILOTS AND FLIGHT MAY HAVE BEEN INTENDED TO TEST OUT FRENCH RADAR DEFENSES.
- 2. AMBASSADOR BASTOUIL SAID THAT HE WOULD SEE PRESIDENT IMMEDIATELY CONFIDENTIAL.

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AFTER HIS RETURN FROM PERSIAN GULF TRIP TO INFORM HIM OF OVER-FLIGHTS AND QTE TO ORIENT UNQTE HIM TOWARD A FIRM DIPLOMATIC RESPONSE TO BE MADE BY THE FRENCH AT ADDIS ABABA. NO MENTION MADE AT THIS LATEST MEETING OF ANY OTHER TYPE OF RESPONSE. CLARKE

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